Suggestion	Action taken
7. The member wanted to know the step taken by the department of redressing grievances of the subscribers.	Telephone Adalat and Open House Session are conducted over and above the time which senior officers place at the disposal of subscribers, visitors and members of Public to redress their grievances.
8. It was suggested by members to introduce meter to subscriber prmises just like Electric water at the cost of subscriber.	This has not been agreed to.
9. The member suggested for provision of PCOs on the Highways.	Action to provide PCOs on the Highways is already under progress.

Telephone Connection provided during recent political conference at Madurai

1950. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of temporary and special telephone connections provided for a political conference held recently at Madurai;

(b) the total amount of money received by the Telecommunication Department as deposit from the organisers of the conference;

(c) whether Telecommunication Department has provided telephone booths of their own;

(d) if so, the number of such telephone connections provided and the total expenditure involved thereon; and

(e) whether such facilities will be allowed for other political party conferences also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Sir, 10 Casual Telephone Connections were provided for the political conference at Madurai, held recently.

(b) Rs. 57,000

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Camp Telegraph Office was opened at Race Course Stadium, Madurai, for the Public and the Press. 3 STD Public Telephones, 2 FAXs and 2 Telex PCOs were also provided in this office and a total sum of Rs. 2,500 was incurred as cash expenditure for opening the camp office.

(e) Yes, Sir. Telecommunication facilities to all major conferences are provided based on the demand and the nature of requirement.

Insertion of Advertisement of Rajiv Gandhi by MTNL

1951. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL New Delhi, had inserted a full page advertisement in various News Papers of Delhi, on the 21st May, 1992, paying homage to late Shri Rajiv Gandhi;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of cost incurred in this regard; and

(c) what are the rules and guidelines for Government owned Organisations and Institutions in such matters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total cost incurred is Rs. 5,68,720.

(c) There are no specific government guidelines for the Public Sector Enterprises for issuing advertisements in such cases. It was the homage paid by the MTNL to the leader whose vision lead to the creation of MTNL;

Bifurcation of the Office of Director of Accounts Department of posts and Telegraphs, Nagpur

1952. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of the Director of Accounts (Postal) Nagpur under the Department of Posts and Telegraphs is being bifurcated and some of its work is being diverted to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Gujarat Postal Circle is also being looked after by the Office of Director of Accounts (Postal), Nagpur, which is also entrusted with the task of maintenance of the circle accounts of Maharashtra. As a consequence, the work of the Director of Accounts (Postal), Nagpur, is unwidely and requires bifurcation in the interest of efficiency. The scheme of departmentalisation of Postal Accounts, which came into effect from 1.4.1976. Envisages setting up of separate Postal Accounts Office for each Postal Circle. In view of these reasons, the accounts work pertaining to Gujarat Postal Circle is being transferred to Ahmedabad from Nagpur.

Inadequate Telephone Staff

1953. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no corresponding increase in the number of telephone staff in relation to the increase in the number of telephone connections;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this has a negative impact on the efficiency of telephone services; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to introduction of new technologies and upgradation of skills, there is no corresponding increase in the number of telephone staff in relation to increase in the number of telephone connections.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Leasing of Equipment by MTNL

1954. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MTNL has decided to lease its equipment to meet the targets for telephone in Bombay and Delhi and to clear the waiting list; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYA NAIDU): (a) With a view to provide more